

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82A-22 Building Date: 1880's
Building Name: Joseph H. Selby House
Location: 10901 Old Indian Head Road, Cheltenham, Maryland

Public/Entertainment/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

The Joseph Selby house is situated in a level field north of Old Indian Head Road where it crosses the Popes Creek line of the Conrail Railroad. It is a small (ca. 20' by 16') two-and-one-half-story gable-roofed frame house, with two irregular bays in the main (south) facade. Entrance is in the second bay, through a transomed door; there is a one-story, hip-roofed porch, supported by brick piers, across the south facade. This main block is one room deep (a 2/3 I house), with one 2/2 window in the gable ends; at loft level in the west gable end is a small round-arched window. There is a (nearly) central corbelled brick chimney at the ridge. Extending north from the east end of the house is a two-story, gable-roofed wing, approximately 16' by 12'. It has an interior chimney at the north gable end. There are one-story shed-roofed additions on the north, east and west sides of the north wing. The siding of the entire house is German, the roof is of wooden shake, and the foundations are of brick covered with concrete. The building now serves as a clubhouse/shop for a driving range.

Significance:

The Joseph Selby house is a small and modest dwelling probably typical of the small low-cost farm dwellings erected late in the nineteenth century; very few of them survive today. It was built by Joseph H. Selby, after his marriage to Martha Pyles of nearby Westwood. In 1880 Selby purchased from Rebecca Wade a thirty-acre farm close to his new bride's home farm, and built this house soon afterwards. Joseph Selby died in 1913, but the house and small farm remained the residence of his widow and his daughter, Hattie, a teacher at the local public school, until the latter's death in 1969. During this century, the old buildings of the Selby farmstead have disappeared; the western section of the farm was sold early in this century, and a house was constructed fronting on Crain Highway (now Route 301). Selby's small house has been converted into a golf clubhouse and shop, and the 15 acres remaining of his farm are now used as a driving range. The house remains a highly visible landmark in a still rural area of Prince George's County.

Acreage: 14.97 acres

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph H. Selby House (Rebecca Wade House)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10901 Old Indian Head Road not for publication

city, town Cheltenham vicinity of congressional district 5

state Md. county P.G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> X building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> X entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Francis Abood

street & number 10901 Old Indian Head Rd. telephone no.: 372-8000

city, town Cheltenham state and zip code Md. 20623

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 4296

street & number Main Street folio 352

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state X county local

depository for survey records History Division MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #82A-22

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Extending north from the east end of the house is a two-story, gable-roofed wing, approximately 16' by 12'. There is an interior chimney at the north gable end of the wing at the ridge. There are one-story shed-roofed additions on the north, east and west sides of the north wing.

The main block consists of one parlor on the west and stairhall on the east. The stairhall leads into the single room formed by the north wing. An enclosed porch fills the northwest corner where the wing joins the main block. The siding of the house is German, painted light beige; the roof is of wooden shake, and the foundations are of brick covered with concrete.

A small basement has been dug out underneath the north wing and the enclosed porch, revealing the whole logs which support the circular sawn floor boards. Most of the interior has been panelled, the newel post and balusters of the staircase have been removed, and the fireplaces have been closed. Interior surrounds of doors and windows are of plain beaded board. The building now serves as a clubhouse/shop for a driving range.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1880's Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Joseph Selby house is a small and modest dwelling probably typical of the small low-cost farm dwellings erected late in the nineteenth century; very few of them survive today. It was built by Joseph H. Selby, after his marriage to Martha Pyles of nearby Westwood. In 1880 Selby purchased from Rebecca Wade a thirty-acre farm close to his new bride's home farm; he and his bride lived in a log cabin on the Wade farm before the subject house was completed. The rear wing of the house was probably completed at the same time or very shortly after the main block. Joseph Selby died in 1913, but the house and small farm remained the residence of his widow and his daughter, Hattie, a teacher at the local public school, until the latter's death in 1969.¹

The Selby farm has changed considerably during this century. The old log cabin and farm buildings of the widow Wade's farmstead have long since disappeared, some blown down by severe windstorms which swept through the area in the early 1920's. The western section of the Selby farm was sold early in this century, and a house was constructed fronting on Crain Highway (now Route 301). Selby's small house has in the last few years been converted into a golf clubhouse and shop, and the 15 acres remaining of his farm are now used as a driving range.² The house remains a highly visible landmark in a still rural area of Prince George's County.

Notes:

¹ Prince George's County Deed WAJ#2:199; account written by Hattie Selby. Administration files #2511 and #19328.

² Interview with former neighbor, and present owner, March 1985.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG 82A-22

Of Chain of Title

Of Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 14.97 acres TM 127, Parcel 148Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Kathryn Hendersonorganization HPCdate March 1985street & number County Planning, MNCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Rebecca Wade House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Old Indian Head Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Cheltenham				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery P.G.		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Oscar E. Estep				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Cheltenham		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame building with a two bay facade. The doorway is in the north bay. A porch runs across the front. The chimney is a narrow brick stack for a stove pipe, rising between the two bays. The windows are 2/2 double hung sash.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

MNCPPC

DATE

19 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

Joseph H. Selby House
P.G. #82A -22

4296:352
30 Oct 1973
Deed

William S. Pyles, Attorney, for Elizabeth Bowers, Dorothy Lynch, Katherine Myers, Gloria Garner, Edna G. Ryan, Evelyn Pyles, Louise Higgins and Garland McPhail to Francis M. Abood and Patricia Ann Abood, his wife, parcel #1, being the land of the heirs of Hattie Idella Selby, as described in 471:384, containing 14.9686 acres and parcel #2 containing .3001 acres.

GSMcG#6:228
6 June 1969
Will

Testator, Hattie I. Selby: to E. Bowers, D. Lynch, G. Garner, L. Higgins, G. MacPhail, K. Myers, E. Pyles, and E.G. Ryan, equal shares of residue of her property. William Pyles and Gloria Garner, executors.

471:384
28 June 1937
Deed

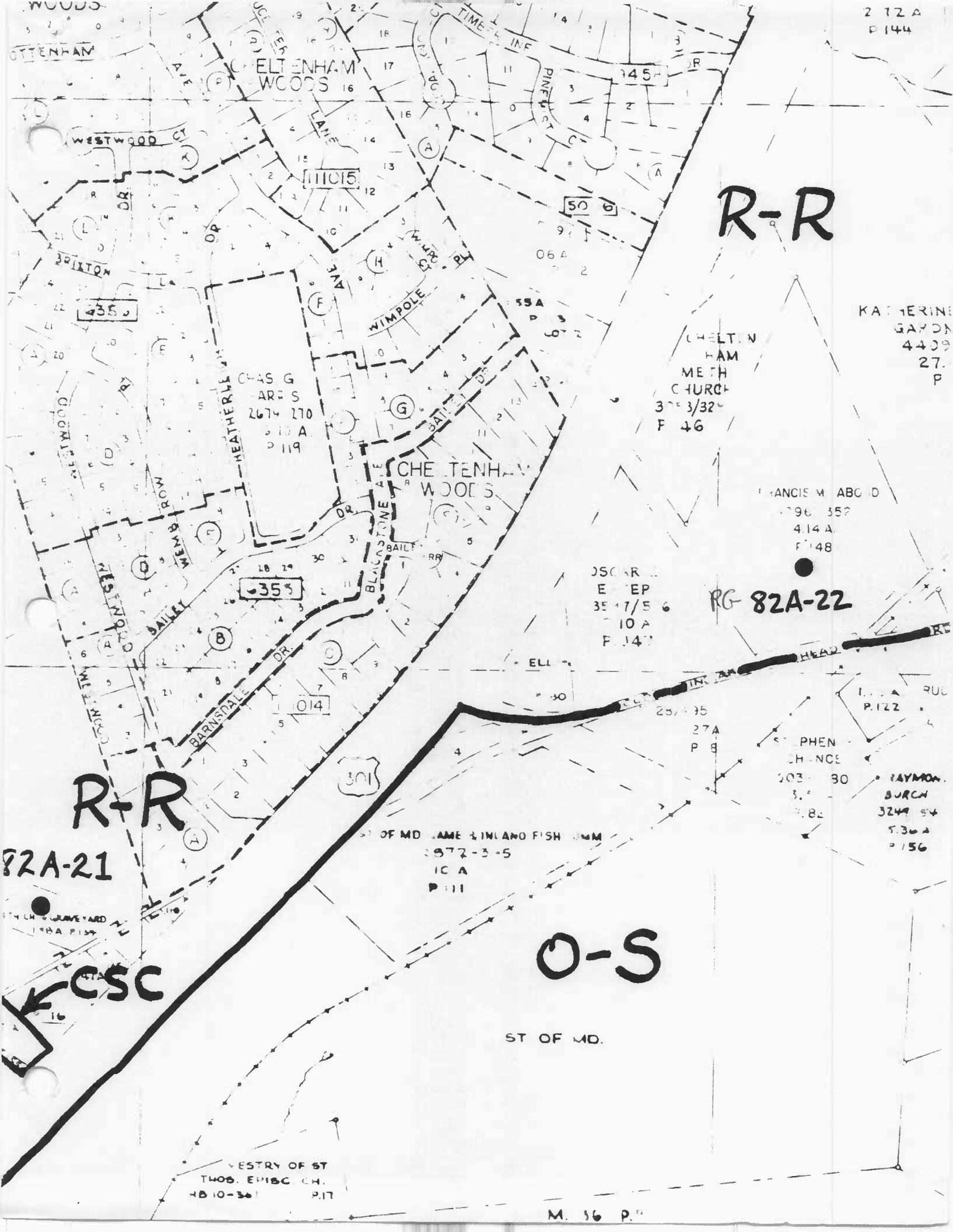
Martha A. Selby, widow, to Hattie I. Selby, 30 acres, same land conveyed to Joseph H. Selby by WAJ #2:199. (Joseph H. Selby died 1913, Administration #2511, leaving widow, Martha Selby.)

WAJ 2:199
1 Dec. 1880
Deed

Rebecca Wade to Joseph H. Selby, 30 acres, same land conveyed to Wade by HB#2:357.

HB 2:357
8 Mar 1869
Deed

James Masson and Sarah A. Masson, his wife, to Rebecca Wade, 30 acres, same land to Masson by FS#2:342.



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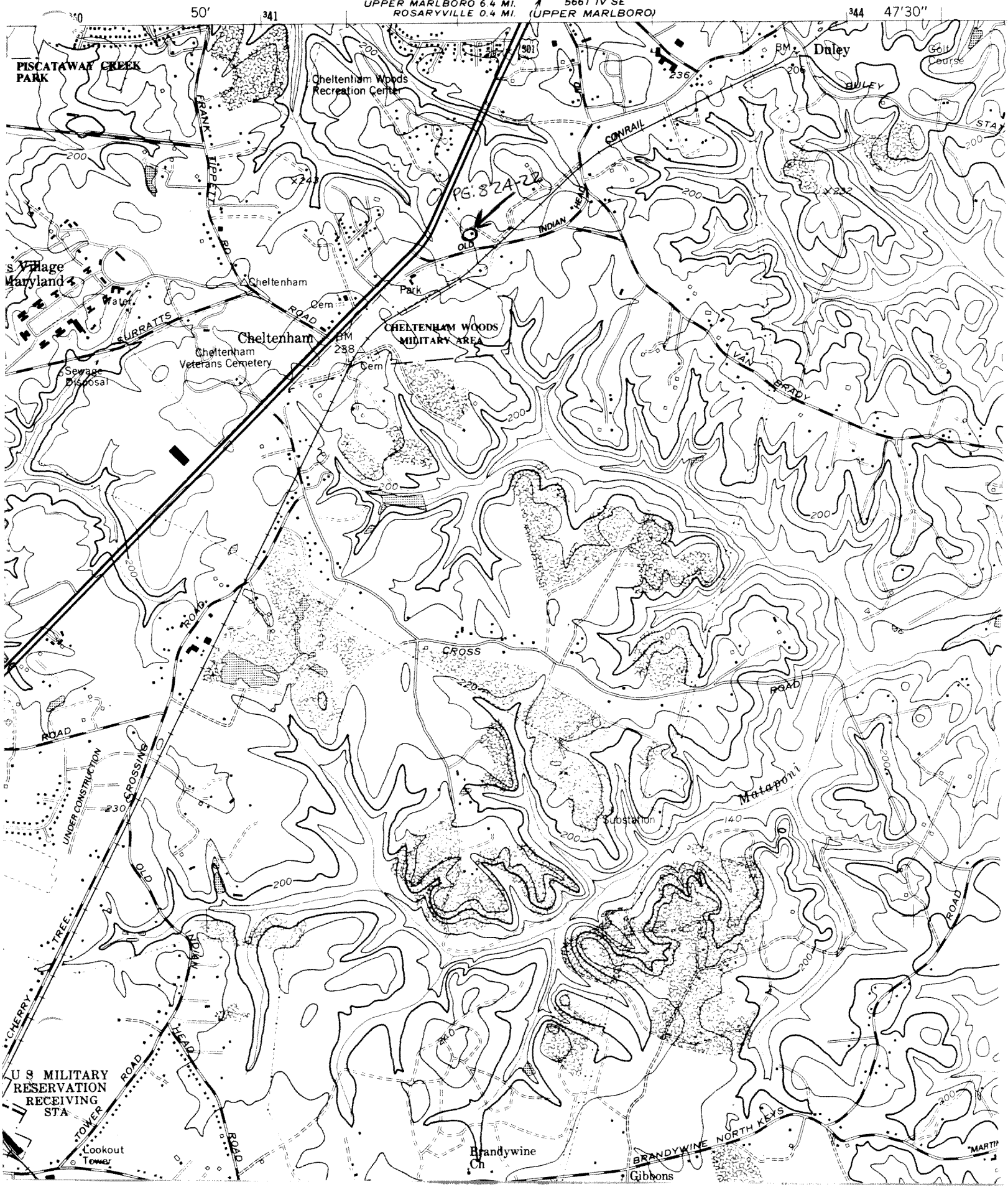
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Joseph Selby House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. 82A-22

Joseph Selby House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A-22

Joseph Selby House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #82A-22

Joseph Selby House
Prince George's County, MD.
Susan G. Pearl
February 1985
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME REBECCA WADE HOUSE

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LOCATION OLD INDIAN HEAD RD, RR TRACKS & NEAR RT 301 CHELTENHAM, Md

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